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A SAD GREETING.

It was a very different sort of May issue we had planned. But as all the world now knows, our beautiful city of San Francisco has been wiped out of existence. The editor has been able to confer with but one member of the publication committee and a few of the delegates living in Oakland, and these have authorized the bringing out of this number in its present form. There is not a business house of any sort left standing in San Francisco—no paper house and no printer—so this number is printed in Oakland. The mailing list of the JOURNAL has also vanished, so that many exchanges and subscribers will not at once receive this issue. However, enough copies will be printed to supply all regular recipients in the course of time. We would respectfully request other journals to copy this statement and also say that no sample copies will be sent out. The present address of the JOURNAL, or rather of the editor, for the JOURNAL office is beneath the editorial hat, which was almost his only possession not destroyed, is 1230 Telegraph avenue, care Dr. Frank Adams, Oakland, California. Correspondents are respectfully warned, however, that their letters may not be answered immediately, for almost all typewriters have been destroyed and the whereabouts of our stenographer is an unknown quantity.

THREATENED LIBEL SUIT.

On April 14th we received a long telegram from Seabury & Johnson, threatening libel suit if we did not "retract" a statement made in the April issue to the effect that their house held membership in the Proprietary Association of America, that Johnson & Johnson did not and that we should give our support to the latter concern. On January 4th we received a letter from them in which they did not deny their membership in the Association representing so much of the "Great American Fraud," so we did not know they had resigned prior to April first. The question was submitted to the Council on April 16th, together with some editorial comment which was not in the nature of a retraction. The Council unanimously decided to publish all the correspondence between ourselves and Seabury & Johnson, together with the editorial matter submitted, and let them do whatever they chose. However, as the correspondence and the editorials, together with everything else the society owned except the account books, have gone up in smoke, we can only suggest to Seabury & Johnson that they go ahead and sue, and if they get a judgment perhaps the courts will allow them to attach the smoke yet hovering like a pall over what was once our property.